विशेषज्ञों द्वारा टिहरी जल-विद्युत परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में तैयार की गई विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट में यह उल्लेख किया गया है कि मई-जून की अवधि के दौरान जलाशय से सिंचाई कार्य हेतु पर्याप्त मात्रा में जल प्राप्त नहीं होगा। चूंकि परियोजना के अन्तर्गत, शीतकालीन महीनों के दौरान रबी फसल की सिंचाई हेतु पर्याप्त मात्रा में जल उपलब्ध कराए जाने की व्यवस्था की गई है, अतः इस स्थिति से सोवियत विशेषज्ञों को अवगत करा दिया गया था जोकि अपनी रिपोर्ट में संशोधन किए जाने हेतु सहमत हो गये हैं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I am on a point of order.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Before you leave...

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 to unstarred Question 41 regarding decline in imports

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rapya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 to Unstarred Question 41 regarding decline in imports. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—14094/92)

(Intrruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chidambaram, he has some problem... *(Interruptions)*... Mr. Reddy, will you please take your seat? Mr. Yashwant Sinha has some problem regarding this statement... *(Interruptions)*... Hon. Members, please go back to your seats. Don't disturb please. He has got some problem.

आप बैठ जाइये, जरा पीछे.. (व्यवधान)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra pradesh): Call the House to order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, I am calling the House to order... *(Interruptions)*... Never mind, another Minister is answering you... *(Interruptions)*... Order please.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam Deputy Chairman, the Minister of Commerce is trying to correct reply to the question which I had asked very recently in this session. Now what I want to point out to the hon. Minister is that even in the so-called corrected version, he is still persisting with a mistake.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I am sorry. I did not see it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: In the main reply you are saying that the imports were $17962 million in April-December, 1990 and $4272 million in April-December, 1991 and in the Annexure to the main reply which you have given, you have given two different sets of figures. Now I can understand that the figures for April-December, 1991 could be provisional but how could April-November, 1990 figure still be provisional? Why don't you give us the final figure? There is a basic difference here of something like $2 billion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me point out to the hon. Members that when there is a statement by the Minister correcting answer to Unstarred Question, generally we don't allow any clarification on it. But as a special consideration, we are allowing it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: It is not a question. It is only a clarification. I am only trying to help the Minister to correct it more than he is correcting.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Whenever there is a statement by a Minister correcting answer to a question, the Member who had put that question can ask a supplementary.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not want to set a new precedent. It is a new precedent. I know the job better than anybody else. That is why I am sitting here. I am doing it every day. So I know what is right. But I am allowing him.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: If a Member has asked a question and if there is a statement by the Minister correcting answer to his question, he has got a right to ask a supplementary question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Right. For your information it is an Unstarred Question. It is not a Starred Question. Yes, please.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): If it is a statement by the Minister, he can ask clarifications.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have to be careful about every statement in the House... (*Interruptions*) Let him correct it. Order.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, what happened was two figures got transposed. The April-December, 1990 figure and the April-December, 1991 figure got transposed in the typing. I have just transposed it again. April-December, 1990 is $17,962 million and April-December, 1991 is $14,272 million leading to an import compression of 20.5 per cent. So the typographical error is being corrected. Now, hon. Member, Mr. Yashwant Sinha's question is: "Why are you giving provisional figure for April-December, 1991?" He understands it. "Why are you giving me provisional figures for April-December, 1990?" The answer is very simple. The provisional figures of this year have to be compared only with the provisional figures of last year, if I am to show either the growth rate or the decline in rate. I cannot compare provisional figures of this year with the revised figures of last year. That is one answer.

The second answer is the revised final figures of April-December, 1990 are not yet available. They become available after late returns come in. And late returns take as much as three to six months to come in. Therefore, what I have done is to correct the error. Statistically, provisional figures are compared with provisional figures. When I get the revised figures of April-December 1990, I will compare them with the revised figures. (*Interruptions*).

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1990-9,) of the Export credjt Guarantee Corporation of India Limited, Bombay and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, New Delhi and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Council for Leather Exports, Madras and related papers.

IV. Memodrandum of Understanding (1991-92) between the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited and Govt. of India (Ministry of Commerce).

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Credit Gaurantee Corporation of India Limited, Bombay, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the